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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS CLOSE WITH TWO CANDIDATES

REF: GABORONE 1220

1. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE OCTOBER 26 NATIONAL ELECTION CLOSED ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. SIR SERETSE KHAMA WAS NOMINATED AS THE BOTSWANA DEMOCRATIC PARTY (BDP) CANDIDATE, AND BATHOEN GASEITSIWE AS THE BOTSWANA NATIONAL FRONT (BNF) CANDIDATE. THE OTHER TWO OPPOSITION PARTIES, THE BOTSWANA PEOPLES' PARTY (BPP) AND THE BOTSWANA INDEPENDENCE PARTY (BIP) REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THEIR FAILURE TO FIELD PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

2. THERE IS SOME SPECULATION IN GABORONE THAT PHILIP MATANTE OF THE BPP MAY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH BATHOEN TO CO-ORDINATE ACTIVITY IN ORDER NOT TO WASTE TIME AND MONEY OPPOSING EACH OTHER. SINCE THE BDP PLANS TO CONTEST ALL 32 CONSTITUENCIES, THE OPPOSITION PARTIES MAY FEEL THAT THEY COULD BEST FOSTER THEIR LIMITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOURCES BY CO-ORDINATING THEIR CAMPAIGNS.

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